

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
The Venetian Golf & River Club Community Association, Inc.
Held at the River Club June 14, 2021**

Board Members in attendance:

Diane Maskol - President
Michael Wendroff – Exec VP
Jerry Jasper – VP
Nancy Spokowski - VP
Michelle Trent – Secretary
Tom Jones
Roger Efron
Mark Faford

Absent: Lew Perry, John Moeckel, Fred Baughman

Call to order: Diane Maskol called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Public Comments: No members of the public were present to make comments.

Secretary's report: Minutes (with corrections) of the last board meeting were voted on and unanimously approved.

External Affairs as reported by Michael Wendroff:

Update on NE Venice park. The June parks meeting was canceled. Developers and land owners have been contacted for possible real estate available for parks. July meeting is now canceled. Next meeting is early August. Jerry discussed an update on funding. No new news.

Update on 3530 Laurel Rd rezoning. This is a 5 acre tract of land near the Dollar Store that currently has a residence on it and light industry. It will be zoned in Venice as light industrial to keep with current use.

Palencia by D.R. Horton. This is a new housing development at Border Rd and Jacaranda. They are working on a site amenities plan: pool, bocce ball, etc.

Central Venice Coalition. Michael met recently with Dick Longo of the Central Venice Coalition. Mr. Longo is happy to support the NE Parks effort. This Coalition also puts on seminars. Michael would like to have him or someone from our EA committee attend their meetings. Jerry reported that they approached our board in the past to invite us to join. We are now invited back. We are not officially joining, we will send a representative.

Report of the last City Council meeting. There were two presentations related to water. It was reported that the level of fecal bacteria is higher than state standards. Nitrogen meets state standards on average (some did not pass.) Phosphorous just barely met state standards. Facilities committee recommended implementing best practices for storm water management to improve the situation of those items. Sea level rise presentation: Venice is in better shape than many of our neighboring coastal towns. Eagle Point district and Tarpon center drive looked worst.

Laurel Rd widening. July 13th is the date of the presentation of Pat Neal to the City of Venice RE the engineering study. Jerry is still in contact with Sarasota county to find out what monies can be allocated.

Membership update as reported by Nancy Spokowski:

Membership has declined one home since the last report from 971 to 970 homes. Nancy is continuing to send membership requests out to the new homeowners.

New Member Event initiative. The two main goals of this event are to provide education and recruit new members to the VGRCCA. It is difficult to predict how many people would attend as new member events (hosted by the POA) have been only lightly attended in the past. Event would occur in the beginning of November. Invitations would be sent out on a rolling basis with RSVP required.

Report by Roger Efron:

Seminars and Events: The sub-committee was re-established as Roger, Tom, Michelle, and Lew. Roger will solicit members for ideas for upcoming seminar topics. He also asked the Board members for their ideas on seminars and events. Discussion followed. Several board members requested some of the events be for members only. Ideas presented were: sharks, pain management, 5 minutes of fame, and AAA.

There was a discussion about the number of events and timing of the events. It was agreed that we would continue doing the educational seminars, limited to one per month. There was consensus to mix up the times of the seminars and consider AM and PM times.

The sub committee will meet in July and present an outline for seminars and events at the August board meeting.

Roger reported that **audio visuals** for the River Club are moving forward and Denise is part of the deliberations.

HRT: Roger reported there is an excellent leadership team and more people are involved this year. Training for the assessment team is this week. Training of security team is next week. Community wide meetings will occur June 28 and 29, one of the

meetings will have live stream and then put up on You Tube at a cost of \$400 to Sight and Sound for video services. This expenditure was voted on and approved unanimously by the board.

Upcoming Meeting:

The next meeting will be August 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Trent, Secretary